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LETTER,

From a Friend in

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To a Friend in

LONDON.

Giving an account, not only of some remarkable passages relating to his Grace, *James Duke of Monmouth*, but likewise to the present concerns at *Hamburgh*.

SIR.

IN order to my last promise, I have been, and now am as good as my word to you, though you have not been the like to me, for give me leave to tax you with breach of promise, not writting to me, since your last which bore, date the 2d. Instant, according to your stile; which I take most unkindly from you. But by the way you shall not tax me with the like ingratitude, for I am resolved to continue that succist accompt I promised

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ed you in order, to what you were pleased to desire of me, in Relation to his Grace, James Duke of Monmouth, who being now more remote, pardon me, if my relation be not to so particular as it otherwise should have been, what I now give you shall be impartial unbiass, and without flattery I shall be so generous with you, as to communicate nothing to you, but what is a certain reality. Sir I hope you will accept it, and so I will assure you it is.

In my last I gave you an account of the Dukes arrival, since which time he hath thought fit to take a journey to *Amsterdam*, and the places adjacent, I am informed by persons of considerable Quality, his reception there, was every way correspondent to his Quality and Birth; although not to bely the business, persons there as well as elce where were on the contrary faction; in his passage, he and our Agent dined with our Prince, being entertained very Coldly, upon what occasion is not yet known neither shall I so far intermedle with the concernes as to discuss it. It seems his Grace hath not behaved himself so ill, but that he was complimented by the cheif Majestrates of this place, as well as other places where he made any considerable stay It is thought he will cut is journey short, and retire to *Hamburgh*, but until better information I dare not affirme it for a truth; though nothing is more talked on at present, and that by the
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the most sollid Heads: truth it is, he hath removed himself from *Amsterdam*, and designs to Visit *North-Holland*, but whether he intends to fix at *Hamburgh* or not, I as yet cannot affirme in relation to the proceedings there, it is conceived there will be an accomodation. But upon what terms is not known in Publique, to give you ground for what I say, the *Danes* has withdrawn Five Sail of his Men of War from the *Elbe*, and some part of his land forces from before the Town, and not only so, but admitted them to convey in Five Hundred head of Cattel small and great, which was as a thing unreasonable as I conceive, had not an accomodation been privately concluded, so that in any reasonable persons judgment, nothing can possibly be imagined, but the Ratification of some particular Articles already concluded and agreed on: which what they are may be imagined but not affirmed, or at least wise Confirmed, until my next, as far as I can inform my self the Articles are these following. First that the *Hamburgers* will admit of his Majesty as Supream, not denying him either the priveledge of his progenitors or prediceffors (always excepted) their antient Liberties may be reserved, intire without any Diminution. Secondly that for satisfaction of the *Damages* by them sustained; they should be duly and faithfullly reinbursed such Charges as they had laied out in their own defence, during

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ring this present Siege. Thirdly that no persons
whatever, either Foreigners or Natives, should
be exempted from free pardon upon all accounts
whatever, in relation to the Vindication of the
interest of the City. Fourthly that his Majesty
of *Denmark* should not only pass his royal word,
but publish the same by Proclamation, within
few daies after these Articles signed. Fifthly,
that all things relating to this place should re-
main in the same Nature as they did before the
beginning of this late War, and no persons what-
ever should sustain any damage for their allegi-
ence according to the Five Articles above men-
tioned.

Sir, This is what I can assure you from this
Weeks observations as to the Articles, although
I have them from a good (and I think Infallia-
ble Author) yet I will not affirm them, until my
own eyes convince me of their truth, which a
few daies I will certainly do, till then excuse
me from a further Relation, which shall be fur-
ther amplified in my next, by.

S I R,

Your humble Servant,

B. L.

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Octob. the last 1679.